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Applicant: Bachovchin  
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For: MULTIVALENT COMPOUNDS FOR CROSSLINKING RECEPTORS AND  
USES THEREOF

Examiner: Lukton, D.  
Art Unit: 1653

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2001 (Paper No. 16), in connection with the above-referenced Application. The deadline for responding to the Office Action was November 29, 2001; however, a two-month extension of time from November 29, 2001, up to and including January 29, 2002, is hereby requested, and a check for such an extension is enclosed. Responsive to the Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

**Amendment**

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as indicated below. For the convenience of the Examiner, a marked-up copy of each of the paragraphs amended below is included herewith as Appendix A.

Please replace the paragraph on page 18d, starting at line 1, with the following paragraph:

~The invention also embraces compounds which mimic the substrate binding site of